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With way more snow days than the 20-year-average, 2013 was a costly year for the city, which is now \$21.5 million in the red and looking to surpluses in other departments to make up the difference. SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

City snowed under with cost

Costs. Ottawa \$21.5 million over budget on 2013 snow removal



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The City of Ottawa says it went \$21.5 million over its snowfall budget for 2013 thanks to a spike in the num-

ber of days nasty weather blanketed the region in ice and snow.

Total snowfall for 2013 in Ottawa came in at 272 centimetres, spanning 129 "snow event" days, well above the 20-year average of 95 days, said Kevin Wylie, the city's manager of roads and operations on Wednesday.

The budget for January to March 2013 was \$39.3 million, but the city spent \$53.9 million. The deficit for

October to December was \$9.8 million, over the \$29.9 million budgeted for that period.

Wylie also told transportation committee members at Wednesday's meeting there was a deficit of \$2.9 million for road maintenance operations in the spring and summer months.

"So, in conclusion, 2013 was a challenging year from a roads operations standpoint," said Wylie.

The city's treasurer, Marian Simulik, says the municipality is in a much better position than it was during winter 2008 when City Hall was facing an even bigger deficit.

"When we had a \$26 million overrun, there was nothing in the winter maintenance reserve," said Simulik. "There is \$10.9 million there (now) and we are confident in already looking at the numbers that we will not be

using the majority of that reserve."

Instead of using all of the winter maintenance reserve the city will use surpluses in other departments to also help offset the \$21.5 million deficit, she said.

How much of those surpluses will eaten up by the snowfall deficit will be reviewed in March at the finance and economic development committee meeting, Simulik said.

Ottawa Fashion Week is not an oxymoron



Sukhoo Sukhoo, Prophetik and DUY declared top labels to look out for

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Yes, bacon prices will be going up slightly, but no, you shouldn't hoard your pork products

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Vanier

Cops issue warning after sex assault

Ottawa police have issued another warning to sex workers after they say a woman was sexually assaulted in Vanier early Monday morning.

The incident happened in the 100 block of Marquette Street at around 1 a.m. Police say the woman agreed to meet an unknown man near the intersection of Montreal Road and Marier Avenue, but then the two went to an address on Marquette Avenue.

There, the woman was hit with an object, threatened, and sexually assaulted, police said.

Police are asking the public to come forward if they have any information on the suspect.

The suspect is described as a white man in his 40s with a husky build, shoulder length grey or white hair, with a short grey or white beard. He was wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt pulled over a baseball cap and black running shoes.

Police believe the suspect description is similar to a suspect in another sexual assault on Dec. 27, but does not match the serial sexual predator police announced at a press conference on Jan. 9.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call the Ottawa Police Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Section at 613-236-1222 extension 5944 or phone Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS) or toll free at 1-800-222-8477.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

Parking bans not working: Roads chief



Kevin Wylie, Ottawa's manager of roads and operations JOE LOFARO/METRO

Ottawa's winter overnight parking bans need to change, the city's manager of roads and operations said bluntly Wednesday. In 2013, By-law and Regulatory Services issued 10,848 parking tickets related to the overnight winter parking ban.

From Nov. 15 to April 1, parking on city streets is banned from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. when Environment Canada forecasts seven centimetres or more of snow in the region.

But Kevin Wylie said after Wednesday's transportation committee meeting he wants the restriction more aligned with actual removal of snow from city streets instead of issuing a blanket ban for the entire region.

"It's not working well," said Wylie. "We may not be plowing until the next day depending on the timing of the storms. We're going to meet with bylaw people and try to come up with something that

works better for everybody."

In the future, Wylie said, he doesn't want to see an overnight parking ban enforced when the accumulation of snow hasn't yet stopped.

A change to the parking ban would require a well-advertised communications strategy if the ban is enforced for specific streets at various times, so residents know the rules.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

Wait! Cancel that flight to Sochi Games

Winter Olympics.
CBC to bring opening ceremonies to downtown Ottawa



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You don't have to travel all the way to Russia to watch the opening ceremonies of the Winter Olympic Games. CBC is hosting a live broadcast of the event at Confederation Park in Ottawa Friday.

Former Olympians including figure skating silver medalist Elizabeth Manley and former Olympic wrestler Ole Sorensen will be at the event, as will Aylmer biathlete Caroline Bisson, who is anxiously awaiting to hear if she has qualified to compete in her first Paralympic Games next month.

"I think it's an important event, because it makes us feel Canadian," said CBC-Radio Canada Spokesperson France

For the crowds

The event starts at 10:30 a.m. with a pre-show before the ceremonies begin. Spectators can watch the broadcast on a giant screen or tour the Crystal Garden and take photos in front of a Sochi backdrop while toting the official Olympic torch from Vancouver four years ago. The event will be covered in French and English.

Bélisle. "The Olympics is just a huge event and people can come together to celebrate."

As official broadcaster of the Games, CBC is hosting a slate of Olympic events across the country, starting with Friday's live broadcast of the opening ceremonies.

The day will also include video messages from Canadian speedskaters Ivanie Blondin and Vincent De Haître and curler Dawn McEwen, who are preparing for the Games in Sochi.



Workers apply some finishing touches to a sculpture in advance of CBC's live broadcast of the Sochi Winter Olympics Opening Ceremonies Friday. The Crystal Garden will transform after the event into an all-ages sub-zero dance floor with DJ Matt Tamblin selecting the beats and the Culture Shock Dance Troupe showing you all how to get down. Sub Zero DJ Nights continue every Friday and Saturday until Feb. 15. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

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Panera rises to the challenge

Just the way the cookie crumbles. U.S. cafe-bakery to open in Ottawa next week — but is it any match for Tim Hortons?



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Just a week away from opening day, Panera Bread already smells like baked goods.

The U.S. bakery and cafe franchise is testing the ovens at its new, and first, Ottawa location. The business on Hunt Club Road in Nepean opens Feb. 12, which makes it the 13th Panera in Canada.

Paninis, soup, salads and lattes are the typical café fare. But customers can also bring home a loaf of sourdough, sesame semolina bread or a soufflé.

"All baked fresh on site, overnight," said Barry Shannon, a joint venture partner with Panera.

But it's just down the road from a Tim Hortons. Can the U.S. chain compete with Canada's popular coffee brand?

"We can compete. No question about it," said Shannon.

He said both venues will attract their own customers and for different reasons: Panera is "a little less fast food-y" because it offers a sit-down style restaurant where employees bring you your food, he said. It also has a drive-thru and catering services.

"You can end up paying a couple more dollars for a sandwich than you would at Tim's," admitted Shannon. However, "we think, from a quality standpoint, we're second to none."

There are more than 1,800 Panera Bread franchises in the U.S. In Canada, the bakery venues are mostly in the Greater Toronto Area, with the exception of its Barrie location.

The Ottawa cafe, like most other Panera venues, employs nearly 50 people.

Shannon said there are plans to open up more locations in the city.

Head to the opening day for the new bakery and café at 320 West Hunt Club Rd. on Feb. 12 starting at 6 a.m.

The verdict is in

Metro readers weighed in with their thoughts on the new franchise and whether it could go toe to toe with the Canadian doughnut behemoth:

- **@metroottawa** Yes. Panera is the best. — Cool Ethan Presents (@CoolEthanInc)
- **YES MT @metroottawa:** Panera is opening its first Ottawa location. Can the U.S. chain compete with Tim Hortons? — Emma Loop (@LoopEmma)
- **@metroottawa** Looove #PaneraBread!!! — Annabelle_A (@Annabelle_A)



Shannon Wallace, right, general manager of Panera Bread, and catering co-ordinator Shweta Tiwari prep for the Feb. 12 opening day of the U.S.-based bakery chain. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Festival puts filmmakers on a three-day bender



A still from last year's Ottawa International Film Festival winning film, *Change*. YOUTUBE.COM

The Ottawa International Film Festival (OIFF) is hosting its 6th annual 72 Hour Film Challenge, which pits amateur and professional filmmakers against each other in three days of intense movie-making.

It's a competition OIFF director and founder Nina Bains admits she wouldn't sign up for.

"If you told me I'd have to give up 72 hours of my life to make a movie, I'd be like, I don't know if I could do that," she said, with a laugh.

"But people actually book time off. They love the rush, I think."

Filmmakers show up with a script and film crew but there are caveats: They must use a prop and pre-selected music, location and phrases provided by the OIFF. All are kept secret until the competition.

The 72 Hour Film Challenge can win exposure for up-and-coming filmmakers. The three-to-12 minute shorts are judged by a panel of producers and winners

will see their works screened at the OIFF in October. They will also take home a production package of equipment, audio support and makeup services. Ottawa film score composer Tim Levans will also provide an original music score for the winners' future films.

All participants can also enter their films in CBC Ottawa's Short Film Face Off competition and possibly have their work screened nationally.

"It's a very constrained, short period of time and they

get an excellent product out of it," said Bains.

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Details

The 72-hour film challenge launches at the Lieutenant's Pump at 361 Elgin St. on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

- The top 10 films will be screened Feb. 26 at Mercury Lounge.

Air travel

Take off on a flight to the great white north now direct from Ottawa

Have you been dreaming of getting away to even colder climates?

Ottawa International Airport will celebrate the inaugural arrival of an Air North flight taking passengers directly from Whitehorse and Yellowknife to Ottawa.

The event, which will include a ceremonial puck

drop between alumni from the Ottawa Senators and the Dawson City Nuggets, will mark the first-ever direct route from Ottawa to the Northwest Territories and Yukon.

Reaching the northern destinations used to be an eight to 12-hour ordeal that involved stopovers in Alberta or British Columbia.

But now Air North's direct flights will take passengers there in just over four to six hours.

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Road accident

Bus crash sends five kids to hospital

Five Val-des-Monts school children were taken to hospital with minor injuries after their school bus crashed into a ditch Wednesday morning.

MRC des Colines police say the accident happened on Fogarty Road around 8:40 a.m. as the bus rounded a curve and slipped into a ditch. Nearly 30 students between the ages of six and 10 were on board the bus at the time of the incident.

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A school bus lies in a ditch near Val-des-Monts, Que., on Wednesday morning. CONTRIBUTED

Gatineau

Senior faces more child molestation charges

Lawrence Doris, 78, has been charged with 11 sexual assault offences, including two counts of incitement to sexual contact, four counts of sexual contact, one count of indecent assault and four gross indecency charges.

Gatineau police say the man knew all his alleged victims, who were aged four to 10 at the time of the alleged assaults.

These charges are in addition to six counts of inappropriate sexual touching that Doris faced in court last November. Those cases involve allegations relating to five minors.

Since the case was first made public, nine more complainants have contacted Gatineau police. The assaults all allegedly took place between 1982 and 2013.

Doris is due to appear in court on his new charges on Feb. 10.

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A model shows off designs from Arkansas-based designer Korto Momolu at the Spring and Summer Ottawa Fashion Week show on Oct. 12, 2012. KATIA PERSHIN PHOTOGRAPHY/FOR METRO

This one is tailor-made for Ottawa fashionistas

Ottawa Fashion Week.

A 'more inclusive platform' is promised as designers from Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto and the U.S. show off their threads



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Gone are the days when fashion shows were for the elite.

Ottawa Fashion Week (OFW) is opening its doors Thursday to anybody interested in high-profile and up-and-coming designers.

The idea is to create a "more inclusive platform" for fashionistas who might feel uncomfortable at a typical fashion show, according to Hussein Rashid, the founder and executive producer of OFW.

"We really want the consumers to be the trendsetters," said Rashid.

For the first time, this season's showcase is introducing a gala dinner for a more

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"We really want the consumers to be the trendsetters."

Hussein Rashid, founder and executive producer of Ottawa Fashion Week

relaxed look at high fashion.

There will also be a free viewing of Montreal designer DUY's clothing line at the Canadian Museum of History.

Seventeen designers from Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto and the U.S. will showcase their fall and winter fashions at the Hilton Lac-Leamy in Gatineau.

Ottawa-based designers like Zarucci, Lococina, Sukhoo Sukhoo and Jana & Emilia will be among the lineup.

About 3,000 to 5,000 people attend Ottawa Fashion Week.

Head to Hilton Lac-Leamy in Gatineau Thursday to Saturday and the Canadian Museum of History on Sunday for Ottawa Fashion Week.

For more information, visit ottawafashionweek.ca.

Sharp cuts

The top three designers to watch out for this season, according to founder and executive producer of Ottawa Fashion Week, Hussein Rashid:

- Designer:** Frank Sukhoo
Brand: Sukhoo Sukhoo
Hometown: Ottawa
Describe your style: "Looking into the future."
- Designer:** Jeff Garner
Brand: Prophetik
Hometown: Franklin, Tenn.
Describe your style: "Inspired by the mind of Florentine a Vinci and the bravado of Paris Hemingway. 'Dreamer's Cure' idealizes what both men dreamed about 'the lone individual confronted by nature.'"
- Designer:** Duy Nguyen
Brand: DUY
Hometown: Montreal
Describe your style: "Sharp tailoring and impeccable cuts."



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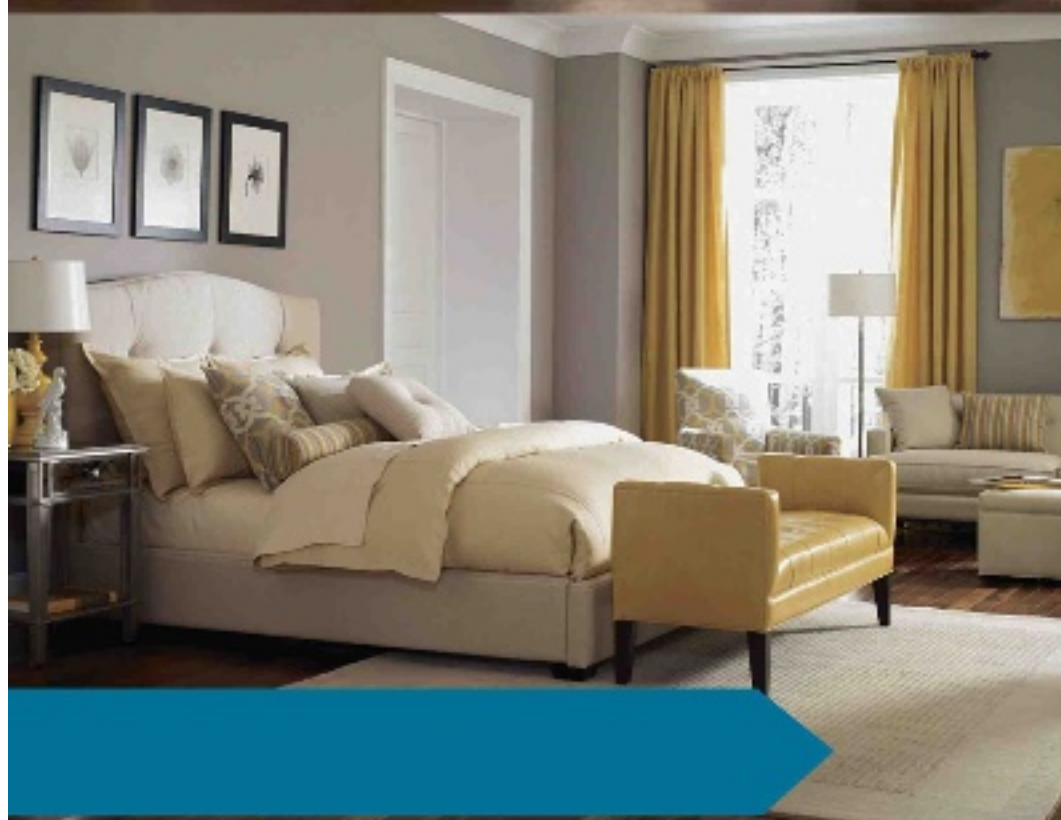
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State of the ancient brewing art

Cheers! Gatineau pub itching to celebrate first batch of local brew made with high-tech gear



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You don't have to spend too much time with Nicolas Cazalais to know he's crazy about beer.

One trip to his Gainsbourg Pub in Gatineau and you'll see his six-year brainchild at work: A fancy, \$500,000 microbrewery that has just started churning out the first few batches of local brew. American Pale Ale, blonde, white and even an orange-flavoured brew are in the works.

Cazalais enlisted the help of Quebec brew master Frederick Tremblay, president of the Association of Microbreweries of Quebec and owner of MicroBrasserie Charlevoix to design the 10-barrell system, giving the Gainsbourg one of the most advanced craft beer factories in the province.

"We have the top of the top," boasted Cazalais, giving Metro a tour of the shiny, stainless steel brewery.

"We can do whatever I want. Because this system is so specialized, we can brew German beer, English beer, Belgian beer, everything."

The brew system has a touch screen interface that controls everything — a series of pipes and valves can be opened and closed with the touch of a button on the screen. If Cazalais wants to

increase the temperature or open a valve, he just has to touch the corresponding picture and steam starts rising and water starts to boil.

The entire system is automated and uses steam to heat the copper-clad kettles, which keeps the beer at the perfect temperature during brewing.

The idea was born six years ago when Cazalais and his wife, Manuela Teixeira, opened the Chelsea Pub just across the river. The plan was to expand the pub and start crafting beer in Chelsea, but controversy over a municipal water and sewer line put the plans on hold.

Instead of waiting for the

water to flow, Cazalais and partner Mario D'Eer, also a well known beer expert, dropped \$2.1 million to buy and renovate the Gainsbourg on Aubrey Road in Hull and now the pair is set to serve their customers the first batch next week.

But there won't be a list of 20 or 30 ales to choose

from— Cazalais wants to focus on quality over quantity.

"We don't want too much. Some brew pubs have 20-25 beers, the consumer can't choose."

"I prefer to have less stuff and all of them winners, maybe have eight very, very good beers: a good blonde,

a good white, a good rousse and a good IPA." As for the other four types, he isn't sure yet which he'll choose.

The new brews will be sold at both the Gainsbourg and Chelsea Pub and will also be readily available at Gatineau's Festibiere, which Cazalais co-founded with D'Eer.



Gainsbourg Pub co-owner Nicolas Cazalais peeks inside a large beer kettle at his Gatineau microbrewery. The pub just brewed a fresh batch of local ale and will start serving it next week.

TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO



Gainsbourg co-owner Nicolas Cazalais pours a glass of brown ale at his Gatineau microbrewery. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO



Everything in the Gainsbourg brewery can be controlled by a simple touch of a button. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Rome. United Nations report urges Vatican to come clean on abuse

The Vatican "systematically" adopted policies that allowed priests to rape and molest tens of thousands of children over decades, a UN human rights committee said Wednesday, urging the Holy See to open its files on pedophiles and bishops who concealed their crimes.

The UN committee severely criticized the Holy See for its attitudes toward homosexuality, contraception and abortion and said it should change its own canon law to ensure children's rights and their access to health care are guaranteed.

The Vatican promptly objected and its UN ambassador accused the committee of having betrayed the international body's own objectives by allowing itself to be swayed by pro-gay ideologues.

The report, which took the Vatican by surprise in its harsh tone, puts renewed pressure on Pope Francis to move decisively on the abuse front and make good on pledges to create a Vatican commission to study sex abuse and recommend best practices to fight it.

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Pope Francis greets the faithful as he arrives for his weekly general audience at the Vatican on Wednesday. ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sochi security beefed up

Winter Olympics. Russia's law-and-order president not taking terrorist threat lightly

President Vladimir Putin pointed Wednesday to the Boston Marathon bombings as a big reason for the intense security around the Winter Olympics starting in Russia this week.

The Chechen brothers accused of the 2013 Boston attacks hailed from just a few hundred kilometres away from the Olympic sites at Sochi.

Twin bombings in another southern Russian city in December have heightened terrorism fears around the Sochi events.

Intelligence agencies from multiple countries will be working together around the clock at a special headquarters in Sochi, Putin said while visiting Olympic sites Wednesday.

"In the U.S., people died at a marathon, during the G-8 there were terrorist acts in the London subway," he said.



Russian President Vladimir Putin signs a wall at the Coastal Cluster Olympic Village on Wednesday in Sochi. ALEXEI NIKOLSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Putin rose to power and popularity 15 years ago on law-and-order, hard-on-terrorism policies that critics say go too far and suppress human rights. He had long warned the West about the dangers posed by Chechen rebels, and urged closer security co-operation with Washington after the Bos-

ton Marathon attacks.

Putin has made security central to the Olympic project, in which he has taken an unusual personal interest.

Despite criticism and higher costs than any Olympics in history, Putin said Wednesday that "Russia is ready to host the games." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Backlash

Protests over anti-gay laws intensify

A U.S. Olympic sponsor and a UN panel condemned a Russian law criticized as a stifler of gay rights as protests took place around the world Wednesday.

The law signed by Russian President Vladimir Putin in July bans pro-gay "propaganda".

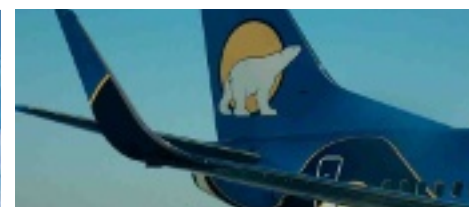
Detractors have pressed the International Olympic Committee and its corporate sponsors to denounce the law and call for its repeal. One of those sponsors, McDonald's, was targeted Wednesday by protesters in London and Paris. Protests also took place in St. Petersburg, Russia, New York, Jerusalem and Rio de Janeiro. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Vets. Medical discharges lead to 'area of unfairness'

Some Canadian soldiers given medical discharges find they don't qualify for benefits because Veterans Affairs uses different, more stringent criteria in an "unfair" process, the military ombudsman told a Senate committee Wednesday.

Pierre Daigle, whose term ends in a few weeks, testified many ex-soldiers have to fight to prove the conditions that made them ineligible to serve are a result of their service.

Once released, Veterans Affairs demands the ill and injured be subject to a separate assessment above and beyond

whatever examination has been conducted at National Defence. For veterans, it can be a bureaucratic conundrum that often leads to a denial of benefits and a lengthy appeals process.

"This is an area of unfairness which needs to be looked at," Daigle said.

Daigle said he has heard from former members directly, even though his mandate doesn't extend to Veterans Affairs, and told senators one individual described the process "as the equivalent of being pushed off a cliff." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Arturo. Polar bear unlikely to make move to Winnipeg

Winnipeg's Assiniboine Park Zoo says a polar bear living in an Argentinian zoo will probably have to stay there.

People have been protesting the treatment of Arturo, a polar bear at the Mendoza Zoo. With temperatures drastically warmer than what a polar bear is used to, and a lack of quality facilities for the bear, protesters say the bear is not doing well.

The Assiniboine Park Conservancy has been in talks with the zoo to get Arturo transferred to the Assiniboine Park Zoo, but the APC said Wednesday it's unlikely to happen.



Arturo the polar bear will likely have to stay in Argentina, where protesters say he's being mistreated. HANDOUT

"It does not appear that a Canadian import permit can be issued for Arturo," the APC said in a statement.

ELISHA DACEY/METRO IN WINNIPEG

CN, union reach deal, avert strike

Keeping it rail. The federal government said it was prepared to force striking workers to go back on the job

He said union members will soon get to see the agreement and likely vote on it in the coming weeks.

The union's strike notice came days after Teamster members, representing conductors, train employees and yard workers, rejected a tentative contract reached last fall with CN.

The federal government had said it was prepared to intervene and force CN workers back on the job should they go ahead with a walkout, which could have come as early as Saturday morning.

CN congratulated the union for averting a possible strike.

"This will ensure continued service to our customers in a very challenging environment where extreme winter conditions have hampered CN operations and affected service levels," said Jim Vena, CN's executive vice-president and chief operating officer.

"CN has offered to work closely with the union leadership to explain the terms of the agreement to union members over the next 45 days to help ensure a successful ratification of the agreement," Vena said in a statement.

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Winter weather causes massive pileup on Highway 401

Rescue workers attend the scene of a multi-vehicle pileup on Highway 401 westbound near Trenton on Wednesday. Ontario provincial police said via Twitter that the accident was over a kilometre long and had closed down the highway. OPP said about 25 tractor trailers and 10 smaller vehicles were involved in the string of collisions as many roads in eastern and southern Ontario were covered in snow from the substantial snowstorm.

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Environmentalists call government's plan to review pesticides a 'victory'

Environmentalists are declaring victory over a federal government announcement that it will conduct a health review of 23 pesticides, including a weed killer found everywhere from wheat fields to suburban lawns.

But they point out the decision comes only after several lawsuits were filed last summer and suggest it shouldn't take legal action to get Ottawa to follow the law.

"It is a victory in that sense, that we're getting

them to do something they've never done before," said Elaine MacDonald of the environmental law group Ecojustice. "But we shouldn't have to sue them to get them to do it."

Last August, four lawsuits were filed over 29 chemicals, all of which Ecojustice said were banned in Europe. The federal government is obliged by law to review chemicals that are banned in any country belonging to the Organization for Economic Co-

operation and Development.

Health Canada had originally declined to do any studies. It said some of the chemicals had been recently examined and found to present acceptable risks. The agency added that it wanted to consider reasons for the European bans before conducting studies on the others.

The Pest Management Regulatory Agency quietly reversed that decision in a web-site posting dated Dec. 30.

"The (agency) ... has deter-

mined that this subsection's criteria have been met, namely that a member country of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development prohibits all uses of this active ingredient for health or environmental reasons."

Four of the six chemicals Canada won't review were found to be still in limited European use, restricted to functions such as anti-flea dog collars. The final two are not used in Canada.

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Vancouver

Court sees video of 'Good Samaritan' beating during Stanley Cup riot

A man dubbed a Good Samaritan because of his efforts to fend off looters during Vancouver's Stanley Cup riot has told the trial of four of his alleged attackers that he suffered injuries for nearly three weeks following the attack.

Robert MacKay was assaulted on June 15, 2011, outside a department store in Vancouver. In a video that was played in court, a group of people are seen grabbing MacKay and punching him until he is knocked to the ground.

Ioannis Kangles, Michael MacDonald, Carlos Barahona Villeda and David Leonati are charged with assault and for participating in a riot. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Quebec

Family drama claims the life of 11-year-old girl

An 11-year-old girl has become the fourth person to die in a family drama that police believe was triggered by a possible love triangle.

Beatrice Godin died Tuesday night after being in critical condition since the weekend. She was one of the two daughters of Martin Godin, who police say is the prime suspect in the deaths.

Provincial police say the 54-year-old man was taken to hospital Saturday night after the slayings of three people, including his other daughter, 13-year-old Medora.

The other people who died were Godin's ex-wife, Nancy Samson, and her boyfriend, Benoit Daigle.

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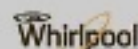


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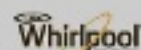
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Children in Syria abused by Assad's forces: UN

Report. Kids have been subjected to 'unspeakable and unacceptable' suffering, says UN's Ban Ki-moon

Children in Syria have been tortured, sexually abused and subjected to "indiscriminate" attacks by President Bashar Assad's forces, and recruited for combat and terror operations by the rebels fighting to topple him during the country's nearly three-year-old conflict, a new United Nations report says.

The report to the UN Security Council by Secretary-

General Ban Ki-moon highlights the plight of children in the conflict from the beginning of the uprising against Assad in March 2011 until Nov. 15, 2013. It was given to the council this week and posted on the UN website Tuesday. Ban said Syrian children have been subjected to "unspeakable and unacceptable" suffering during that time. "Violations must come to an end now," he said.

Meanwhile, the Syrian government missed another deadline for destroying its chemical weapons Wednesday, but pledged to complete the process by June 30 as promised.

The Syrian civil war has killed more than 10,000 chil-

Detention facilities

According to the report, Syrian forces have been responsible for the arrest, arbitrary detention, ill treatment, and torture of children in detention facilities

- Children in government custody have reportedly suffered beatings, electric shock, sexual violence, mock executions, cigarette burns, sleep deprivation and solitary confinement.

dren according to UN estimates.

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Bill Nye the evolution debate guy

TV's "Science Guy" Bill Nye speaks during a debate on evolution at the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Ky., on Tuesday. Nye's adversary was Ken Ham, the head of the museum, who believes the Earth was created 6,000 years ago by God and is told strictly through the Bible. Nye says he is worried the U.S. will not move forward if creationism is taught to children. DYLAN LOVAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel OK's 500-plus apartments in settlements



A front-end loader works on one of three Palestinian homes demolished in East Jerusalem on Wednesday. MAHMOUD ILLEAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israeli planners on Wednesday gave final approval for 558 apartments in Jewish settlements in war-won east Jerusalem, which is sought by the Palestinians as a capital, officials said.

Palestinian officials said the decision undermines fragile U.S.-brokered negotiations with Israel on setting up a Palestinian state alongside Israel.

Also Wednesday, Israel's chief peace negotiator rebuked fellow government ministers who have criticized U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry for his mediation

efforts, pointing to widening divisions in Israel's centre-right governing coalition.

The Jerusalem municipality said its planning committee approved building permits in the neighbourhoods of Har Homa, Neve Yaakov and Pisgat Ze'ev, built on land Israel captured in the 1967 war and later annexed. Most of the international community considers them illegal settlements.

Brachie Sprung, a municipality spokeswoman, said the building projects received initial approval a few years ago, and that new

building in Arab areas of Jerusalem was also approved Wednesday.

At the same time, the municipality carried out a court order Wednesday and demolished three Arab homes in east Jerusalem that were built without permits, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said. Arab protesters hurled stones at police forces guarding the area and three people were arrested, he added.

Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said Israel is undermining Kerry's efforts. "The international commun-

ity must hold Israel accountable for this policy," he said.

Lior Amihai of the Israeli settlement watchdog group Peace Now said the new approvals are "shameful" at a time when negotiations are in a sensitive stage.

Israeli government spokesman Mark Regev had no immediate comment.

More than 550,000 Israeli settlers live in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. The Palestinians want to establish a state in those territories as well as the Gaza Strip, all captured by Israel in 1967.

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South Africa

Nine missing after mine fire

A gold-mining company in South Africa says nine employees are missing after an underground fire broke out at a mine west of Johannesburg.

The Harmony company said Wednesday that the fire reportedly started at about 1.7 kilometre underground around 6 p.m. Tuesday, and that rescue teams were hampered by smoke and an earth-fall.

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Central African Republic

Soldiers fatally assault man

The interim president of Central African Republic told the hundreds of soldiers standing in formation Wednesday that she was proud of them and called on their support to bring order to their anarchic country. After she left, the soldiers broke ranks to stab and stomp a man in their midst to death. They dragged his corpse through the streets.

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Iraq

Explosive attacks shake Baghdad

Multiple explosions rocked Baghdad on Wednesday, killing at least 34 people and sending plumes of smoke into the sky across the street from a major government building.

The attacks come as al-Qaida-led militants are battling for control of mainly Sunni areas to the west in the first test of the Shiite-led government to maintain security in Iraq after the withdrawal of U.S. troops. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jaywalking. Ford says he was singled out when issued ticket in B.C. suburb

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford says he's "perplexed" over receiving a ticket for jaywalking last Friday in a Vancouver suburb.

Ford was in B.C. to attend the funeral of a friend's mother and was crossing a road linking the Vancouver-area municipalities of Burnaby and Coquitlam when police stopped him.

Commenting for the first time since getting the ticket, Ford said Wednesday that there were 15 people with him at the time but the officer picked him

out and said, "You're Rob Ford, come with me."

Ford says he and another person he was with were given jaywalking tickets for \$109.

The RCMP, which is responsible for policing Coquitlam, has refused to comment on the reasons Ford received the ticket or how many tickets are issued for jaywalking.

"I'm just perplexed by it," Ford said, noting that "everybody jaywalks."

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Toronto Mayor Rob Ford poses for photos at the Foggy Dew pub in Coquitlam, B.C., last Friday night. CATRIONA KORUCU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Indiana

Man recognizes son abducted 18 years ago

A man says he quickly recognized his son when he saw him for the first time since his mother abducted him as a little boy 18 years ago and fled to Mexico.

Steven Slinkard of Indiana tells the Daily Reporter his now-23-year-old son Nathan was carrying a pic-

ture of them together from before the boy's mother fled with him and two siblings to Mexico in 1995.

Authorities say Nathan Slinkard walked into the U.S. Consulate in Guadalajara last month and asked to return home. He arrived last week in Indianapolis.

Steven Slinkard says he's glad his son is back. He says he also wants to see his other son and daughter and hopes they know he never gave up on finding them.

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Examiner: Hoffman's autopsy inconclusive

Drug overdose?

Four suspects who may have supplied actor with drugs taken into police custody

Four people were taken into custody on drug charges after police investigating Philip Seymour Hoffman's death executed search warrants, two people with knowledge of the investigation said Wednesday, and the medical examiner's office said more tests are needed to determine what killed him.

There was no timetable for Hoffman's autopsy to be finished, said medical examiner office spokeswoman Julie Bolcer, who declined to discuss the pending tests. Toxicology and tissue tests are typically done in such cases.

Police have been investigating his death as a suspected drug overdose.

The Oscar-winning actor was found dead Sunday with a needle in his arm, and tests found heroin — but no traces of the potent synthetic morphine additive fentanyl, which is added to intensify the high and has been linked to 22 suspected overdose deaths in western Pennsylvania — in samples from at least 50 packets in his apartment in Manhattan's Greenwich Village, law enforcement officials have said.

The four people were taken into custody Tuesday night after police executed search warrants at several New York City apartments based on a tip provided by a confidential source that the suspects may



A couple adds to the flowers placed outside the apartment building of actor Philip Seymour Hoffman in New York on Tuesday. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

have supplied Hoffman with drugs, according to two people with knowledge of the investigation who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

Police say undisclosed quantities of heroin and marijuana were found Tuesday night in three apartments in a lower Manhattan building. The four suspects face charges of criminal possession of a controlled substance. Two also face charges of criminal use of drug paraphernalia.

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History of drug abuse

- Hoffman had been frank about struggling with substance abuse. He told CBS' 60 Minutes in 2006 that he used "anything I could get my hands on" before getting clean at age 22.
- But in interviews last year, he said he had relapsed, had developed a heroin problem and had gone to rehab for a time.



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Economy. Tories' budget may lead to short-term gain but long-term pain: NDP

The New Democrats say the governing Conservatives' rush to balance the books could delay the economic recovery from the recession.

NDP finance critic Peggy Nash says cuts and austerity measures risk slowing the economy and maintaining higher unemployment, or even increasing it.

She says her party wants to balance the books as quickly as possible, but not at the risk of putting the brakes on the economy.

Nash says the NDP have some inexpensive ideas for next week's budget, including reversing the controversial cuts to Veterans Affairs from the previous budget.

They also want the government to cap ATM and credit-card fees, saying consumers shouldn't have to



NDP finance critic Peggy Nash
THE CANADIAN PRESS

pay two or three dollars to withdraw their own money from bank machines.

The New Democrats are also asking for measures they say will create jobs, such as providing a \$1,000 tax credit to small businesses to offset the costs of hiring a new worker, at a cost of about \$113 million.

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Community input

Feds to tighten cell-tower rules

Ottawa says it is tightening laws governing construction and placement of new cellular antenna towers to require consultation with communities on all commercial installations, regardless of height.

The changes update the government's 2008 policy that mandated consultation only when companies planned a tower taller than 15 metres.

Industry Canada in a statement said placement of the sometimes unsightly infrastructure is becoming "ever more divisive."

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Hands-off approach to learning about world's oldest profession

In this photo taken Tuesday, a hologram of a beckoning prostitute is shown at the entrance of the "Red Light Secrets" museum in Amsterdam. On any given evening, thousands of tourists stroll down the narrow streets of Amsterdam's famed Red Light District, gawking at ladies in lingerie who work behind windows, making a living selling sex for money. Now a small educational museum is opening in the heart of the district that aims to show reality from the other side of the glass. Organizer Melcher de Wind says the Red Light Secrets museum is for those who want to learn more about how the area works without actually visiting a prostitute. EVERT ELZINGA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Time to hog pork?

Oink, oink. No need to be a pig by hoarding bacon, but the price of your fav cut of meat may rise slightly due to virus sweeping North America



SCOTT TAYLOR
Metro in London, Ont.

The virus that's rippling its way across Ontario pig farms could hit pork lovers' pocket-books if the spread continues.

While no one's forecasting a blockbuster spike in bacon prices anytime soon, each new case of the ever-so-charmingly-named porcine epidemic diarrhea pushes the chances one step closer.

Prices have already seen a bit of a nudge thanks to the virus's spread in the U.S., which has been battling the bug since the spring. There, more than 2,600 cases of the virus have been confirmed in 23 states, according to the latest data from the American Association of Swine Veterinarians.



Aw, these little piggies might be adorable, but the not-so-adorable porcine epidemic diarrhea could push pork prices up. GETTY IMAGES FILE

"Their herd has been reduced quite a bit by it, so the supply down there has lowered and that's driven the price up on the futures," said London, Ont.-area hog farmer Jim Denys.

"It all depends on how it plays out in Ontario, whether we can contain it to the sites we have now or if it blows up like it did in the U.S."

"If it does, it may affect the price further."

By June, bacon in urban U.S. supermarkets had jumped to nearly \$5 a pound, about 15

per cent higher than the same time in 2012, according to government data. End-of-year data shows a 20 per cent price jump per pound, although some of that can be attributed to the bacon craze that swept North America in 2013, sources have said.

Canada's situation was beginning to look more dire Wednesday with two new confirmed cases. It pushes the total to seven Ontario farms, plus three at sites including a processing plant and a truck-loading facility.

Local cut

People like Voula Sakellis, owner of London, Ont.'s Ribs Royale, are begging people not to let porcine epidemic diarrhea quell their passion for pork.

- Bacon, ribs and anything else cut from a hog remains perfectly safe to eat, she stressed.

Ontario Pork spokeswoman Mary Jane Quinn said the virus could end up costing the Canadian pork industry up to \$45 million if it spreads as it has in the U.S.

But, she said, it's important to keep a level head because domestic prices won't increase overnight.

"We do get a lot of American pork coming into the country. I suspect there will be a bit of an increase there," she said, "but in terms of domestic Canadian pork, I don't think you'll see any change (soon)."

"You have to give it quite a few cycles. I don't think you'll see it for a few months."

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HEEL EDGE OF TECH DEFENDS EBOOKS

I'm not really on the cutting edge when it comes to technology. I've spent a lot of my life living in the past (also known as New Brunswick), so I'm more like the back part of the knife that you push on when you're slicing.

Google tells me that part is called the spine, which still gives me too much credit, society-wise. The middle part is the heel. That seems about right.

I am on the cutting heel of technology. So when I say that I believe ebooks are far superior to regular books and will one day replace them, don't take it as a bold pronouncement of Things to Come. Take it as a sign that smarter people than me have likely been saying it for years, and now that it's occurred to me it must be more mainstream than Leno.

Until recently I was among those who felt that paper books were unquestionably superior. Ebooks weren't great when



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they first hit the market, which gave us traditionalists cover as we pointed out that the battery or lights or selection or cost weren't very good.

It was like we looked at the Wright brothers' rickety plane at Kitty Hawk and scoffed: "No way that thing is going to get 350 passengers from Vancouver to Hong Kong on an overnight flight. What were they thinking?"

But now that ebooks have long-life batteries, easy-to-read screens, excellent selection and good prices, people in the pro-book camp have resorted to a couple of paperweight arguments.

The first, from people who have not tried ebooks on principle, usually involves what might go wrong — like deleting a book or running out of power. These problems are so unlikely that it's like saying a horse is preferable to a car because horses never accidentally deploy their airbags.

The second, more popular argument is that there's "just

something" about books. The smell, the feel, the heft, the look. We are judging the book by its cover, and we'll caress it and smell it like it's Ryan Gosling or Scarlett Johansson, thank you very much. All well and good, except there is nothing intrinsically pleasant about the feel or smell of a book. I like those sensations too but it's only because I associate them with book reading and therefore feel positively about them. If it was all about heft we should just carry around five-pound Ps and Qs. "Don't mind these, they're fun to lift." (Besides, my e-reader has a cover that smells just fine.)

Paper books aren't going anywhere, any more than globes and vinyl records are, and all reading is good. But I think books will become curios and hobby pieces while ebooks will dominate the mainstream completely.

I've thought of starting a business that sells blank paper books (one per household) so families will still have something to grope and sniff as they read, but I'm sure someone else has already thought of it. So said the heel.

I suppose I could take a page out of their book but, well, you know.

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Cattle race carnage gets a photo finish

Yongsheng Zheng's photograph gives us a glimpse into Indonesia's adrenaline-fuelled festival of Pacu Jawi (cow racing).

The annual event sees brave jockeys grab the tails of a pair of cows and skate across muddy rice fields barefoot while balancing on a wooden plank.

The Minangkabau people of West Sumatra have been marking the event for 400 years to celebrate the yearly end of the rice harvest season.

Zheng's photo made the World Photography Organisation's shortlist of the 2014 Sony World Photography Awards.

Pictured to the right are a few more of the nominees.

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Sophie Gamand's Wet Dog is a series of portraits of dogs in mid-bath, photographed half a second before they shake their fur.



Louise Porter submitted this photograph of young men from the Kara tribe in Ethiopia.

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Charles Hamelin:

A three-time medalist short-track speedskater who also happens to excel at the Maniacal Selfie In A Crowd event. He even got close enough to snap a photo of Vladimir Putin joining a Japanese athlete for a dining hall selfie. The caption calls him Vladimir Poutine. A genuine mistake, a potentially dangerous gag or neither? Charles Hamelin: Enigma. (/charleshamelin)

Travis Gerrits:

A freestyle skier boasting a silver medal from the 2013 FIS World Championships, Gerrits represents

Canada in one of the Games' most photogenic sports. And if soaring skiers frozen in time doesn't sound like your kind of thing, he also has a very handsome dog. (/travisgerrits)

Canadian Olympic Team:

Since things have yet to officially kick off, the official feed is a patriotic mix of athletes looking chuffed in shiny new Olympic merchandise or athletes looking chuffed after success in Vancouver. But once the festivities are on, it'll be hard to beat the access. (/cdnolympicteam)

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A petition has been started to remove a lifelike sculpture of a man in his underwear from a woman's college campus in the U.S. Should Sleepwalker stay or go?

@PorcelainTear I can understand why that such statue would cause a stir. It looks very real & somewhat disturbing for that reason

Comments

RE: How Far Would You Go For Free Breast Implants? Published online Feb. 5, 2014

If you have left over money, please donate to sick and starving kids around the world, not for shallow people who only care for their look.

Kim, posted to metronews.ca

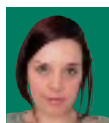
"I would feel more confident" — for a month or two, that is, until you find something else about your body that makes you insecure.

AL_Gee, posted to metronews.ca

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Support local. More than 70 area artists' creations available at A Curious Shop



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After touring as vendors with music festivals selling locally made goods, Michelle Potter and Fiona Sant thought it was time to settle in a permanent location. And what better place than ByWard Market?

But it took a harrowing experience on the festival circuit before the pair opened A Curious Shop (159 York St.) in October 2012.

"We were at the Jazz Festival and we had just weathered a really crazy storm and you're very aware that you're carrying the livelihoods of 30 people in your tent when the wind and the rain are crashing down on you," explains Potter.

A Curious Shop carries an impressive collection of unique products from more than 70 local, independent artisans, including lots of items made from recycled materials, such as bags made out of old car upholstery, accessories created using buttons and toys crafted

from recycled sweaters.

More than half of the artists the shop carries are from the Ottawa area while the rest hail from Toronto, Kingston and Montreal.

Potter admits there is a misconception that if you want to buy something that is unique and handmade, you're going to pay an arm and a leg, but she says that's not always the case.

"We have a lot of pieces in here that are incredibly well-priced and that's because our artists want those pieces to sell, they want to share their art with the world and they realize that sometimes putting a lower price tag on things is the best way to get your stuff out there."

Sant adds the relationship between the shop and the artists is definitely a two-way street.

"What we all love especially is that, through our model of business, we are able support one another," she explains.

"Our artists love what we do. Selling their work here allows them to expand their business outside from craft shows and online sales, and they are being discovered by new customers year round. We're pleased to have formed some really fantastic working and social relationships with our artists, some of whom have been with us since our first festival."



Michelle Potter and Fiona Sant run and own A Curious Shop. CONTRIBUTED

Details

Don't miss A Curious Shop's second annual For The Love Of Winter – An Art Market, (an official Winterlude event) featuring over 30 local, independent artists who'll be showcasing their jewelry, clothing, pottery, paintings, toys, baked goods, and every-

thing in between.

- **When.** Saturday, Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Where.** Knox Presbyterian Church (120 Lisgar St.)
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Clooney on the importance of culture

The Monuments Men.

Actor-turned-director talks about his new war story and why art matters



NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

You may think all the Second World War stories that could be committed to film have been covered, but George Clooney's got a new one for you. His latest as a director, *The Monuments Men*, is based on the real exploits of a team of art experts tasked with recovering priceless works the Nazis were hoarding in the waning days of the war.

"We wanted to make an entertaining film, and we liked the story. We were not all that familiar with this actual story, which is rare for a World War II story, and we wanted it to be accessible," Clooney says.

"We wanted to talk about a



The Monuments Men opens on Friday. CONTRIBUTED

very serious subject that's ongoing and we wanted to make it entertaining. That was the goal. A movie about saving art doesn't really sound all that fun, so you have to remind people that what we're talking about isn't just these paintings on a wall. It's about culture, the fabric of our culture. You can

kill them, you can murder their families, but if you take away their culture then that's when society breaks down."

The conviction with which he speaks comes from a very personal place and from personal experiences that helped motivate him to undertake the film in the first place.

"I spent a lot of time going through villages in the Sudan and Darfur where it wasn't enough that you killed them and you killed their children and you did all this stuff. They had to destroy the things that they'd created from generations before," Clooney remembers.

"They had to destroy what made the village theirs, and that was as important as the raping and the murdering of these families. We started to understand how, when we didn't protect the art during the beginning of the war in Iraq — we didn't protect those museums and now a lot of those

things are lost, those artifacts — how that can actually affect the community in a very deep way. What are you fighting for, if it's not your culture, your life?"

His fifth film as a director, *The Monuments Men* marks Clooney's first outing behind the camera since 2011's *The Ides of March*, and while those jobs take longer to get out, he's much happier in the director's chair, he's found.

"I prefer directing to doing other things. Directing and writing, I think, they seem to be infinitely more creative," he says.

"I like it more than acting now. I don't know whether it's improving or not, but it's definitely evolving in different directions. All you're trying to do is learn from people that you've worked with. I've worked with the Coen Brothers, with Soderbergh, Alexander Payne — I've worked with really great directors. You just try to watch what they're doing and then steal it. That's the theory. You go, 'Oh, I like that. I'm going to do it that way.'"



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American Idol runner-up Clay Aiken puts career on hold to run for Congress

Former American Idol runner-up Clay Aiken is running for Congress in North Carolina.

Aiken said Wednesday he'll seek the Democratic nomination for the seat currently held by Rep. Renee Ellmers.

The 35-year-old Aiken has been a special education teacher in Wake County. He

says he decided to put his entertainment career on hold and seek to represent the state's 2nd Congressional District.

He says he considers Washington to be dysfunctional and will focus on jobs and the economy, as well as the importance of education. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Cher skips wedding over feud with son Elijah

Cher's ongoing feud with her son, Elijah Blue, and his new wife, Angie King, shows no sign of abating and recently resulted in Cher missing their wedding and excluding them from family holiday activities, Blue tells the National Enquirer.

"I've always been the black sheep of my family. We have lots of ups and downs, and now isn't the best time," says Blue, who married King in early December. "It's like a Mexican standoff, but we have a history."

The latest spat apparently results from an October falling out between Cher and her new daughter-in-law that



Cher

prompted the Burlesque star to kick the pair out of her Malibu home, where they'd been staying. "You've got two strong women, two big bulls in the pen," Blue says. "I think there's a respect and I think they butt heads."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Selena sneaks off to rehab — for 'emotional issues'

Selena Gomez reportedly snuck away for a two-week stay at an Arizona rehab facility, though her rep insists to Radar Online it was for emotional issues.

"Selena voluntarily spent time at (Dawn at the) Meadows, but not for substance abuse," her rep says, though other sources insist the former Disney star has been

"partying very hard" in the months leading up to her secret stay.

"With fame came a partying lifestyle," says a source, while another adds that ex-boyfriend Justin Bieber probably wasn't helping matters.

"Selena came to understand just what a bad influence Justin had been on her life," the second source says. "I don't know whether Justin pushed her to drug use, but amongst their close-knit group of friends, smoking was commonplace. Justin and Selena would smoke marijuana together regularly."

METRO WORLD NEWS



Charlize Theron

Charlize contemplating marriage with new beau Sean Penn

Things are apparently moving pretty fast for new couple Charlize Theron and Sean Penn, as Penn has reportedly already moved into Theron's home and is contemplating matrimony, according to Radar Online.

"The two began talking about marriage in the last few weeks, after Sean moved into Charlize's house," a

source says. "She has never wanted to get married, but seeing how Sean interacts with (her son) Jackson, she is having a change of heart."

"For the longest time, Charlize thought it was just going to be her and Jackson, and she was OK with that. For her to now be talking about getting married is a huge departure for Charlize."

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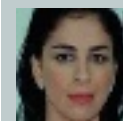
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Beckham gets a kick out of the fashion business

Let's talk about Becks.

Whether you know him for his athletic skill or naked torso doesn't really matter at this point. David Beckham's empire is growing and no one is going to bring him (or his boxer briefs) down

Everybody knows who David Beckham is, either from his career as a football star or as the fashion icon and trendsetter he has become.

Metro Sweden's fashion editor Martin Hansson met David Beckham in New York to talk about the new collaboration with the Swedish fashion giant that premiered during the Super bowl weekend.

What has it been like to go from football player to a fashion icon?

I have always been very interested in clothes and style.

One day I love wearing a really tailored suit and the next day I like wearing what I'm wearing today: a pair of casual jeans and a sweater.

The opportunity to, in collaboration with H & M, produce an underwear collection that reflects my personal style feels natural and in tune with the times.



I dare you to deny that this man makes undies look good.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Your new collection, David Beckham for H & M, has been increased and is now

aimed at younger boys as well. What message would you like to send to them?

Family first

Victoria loves the pictures and just thinks it's fun. But my sons like the exposure most of all and think it's great to see their daddy everywhere.

David Beckham on H&M campaign

How does your wife Victoria feel about seeing you half naked on billboards and on TV all over the world?

(Laughs) Victoria loves the pictures and just thinks it's fun. But my sons like the exposure most of all and think it's great to see their daddy everywhere. I often wear the clothes from the new collection at home so they recognize it.

If you could look into your future, what do you hope to see?

I want to continue working with all that I'm doing today but also with new projects. Because I've played football the past 22 years it is refreshing to do something completely different now.

Get to know David

THE FACTS

Name: David Beckham

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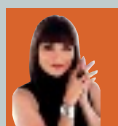
In the news: Has designed a new collection for H & M and is seen in a large campaign that premiered at the Super Bowl this weekend.

Lives: In Notting Hill, London

Family: Married to Victoria Beckham, four children.



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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Heather

Age: 29

Occupation: Freelance writer

What she's wearing: H&M scarf, Top Shop jacket, Gap

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Her inspiration: The weather!

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Who thought spring could bring the blues?

I azure you. The fashionable gent will be taking a page from the sky and sea this spring as blue slips into our wardrobe big time



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Harry Rosen is arguably Canada's most trusted source in haute couture fashion for gents, and 2014 marks the company's 60th anniversary. They've had a rich history of dressing the country's perfectly put-together dandies.

I had an opportunity to sit down with Harry Rosen's fashion communications expert Paul Smith who offered a sneak peak trend report for the upcoming season.

"It's a bit of a more relaxed approach to dressing but still with a level of sophistication that is approachable.

"Spring brings a lot of opportunity in terms of being more exploratory, especially through colour, and this year, blue and its variations will be the gentlemen's



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trend."

Paul continued to pursue his passion for blue through a discussion focused on what's likely to pop.

In the denim department, expect to find sun-bleached relaxed looks with a bit of distress. When shopping dress shirts, patterns such as gingham, plaid and paisley will be in vogue. Paul notes that these classic designs will be more subtle than years passed but still offer a powerful statement.

So while you'll likely see

shop shelves decked out in indigo, cobalt, ultramarine and everything-in-between, what do we pair with our new favourite blue statement pieces? Paul encourages gents to pair blue panache with tan, stone and gray compliments, helping you stand out in the crowd.

Our conversation concluded on the topic of shoes. No shock that blue loafers will be the hottest commodity. The driving shoe or slip-on loafer will be celebrated through variability

in texture and material. Iconic leather offerings from Todd's and Sperry's will be joined by Swims of Norway, which showcase comfortable and stylish footwear made of durable rubber and nylon.

While each year the Palme d'Or at Cannes Film Festival signals the pinnacle of cinematic success it seems as though last year's winner, Blue is the Warmest Colour, was a perfect case of fashion foreshadowing. As Canada heats up this spring you can bet on that too.

Trends Report

You've always loved denim, and it's making a fashionable resurgence this spring, appearing on the top fashion runways from New York to Milan. Go online to Trends Report and see the latest denim creations for men and women. Can you think outside the blue jean box?

- Online. Follow Irene on Twitter at @MetrolreneK or Instagram: kuanirene; metronews.ca/voices/trends-report



Gentlemen of the world, Spice up your locks!

Anchorman 2 star James Marsden gets his hair done during Super Bowl week in New York. Marsden, who teamed up with Old Spice to launch its new hair care and styling product lineup, told Metro, "I've just always been a fan of the brand. I love what they're doing with their ads lately. It's great to see a company that doesn't take themselves too seriously and has fun with it." And as for the strikingly suave star's own philosophy on male grooming? "I was never one to spend too much time getting ready. It's kind of still the case. But you can be smarter about it now. You don't have to wash your hair with bar soap. You can use men's products. It's OK!" PHOTO: MARK VON HOLDEN/INVISION FOR OLD SPICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAYSHORE FASHION FILE

BAYSHORE SHOPPING CENTRE ANSWERS YOUR FASHION & BEAUTY QUESTIONS.

Q: HELLO. I WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME ADVICE ON SHOPPING FOR SPRING. IS THE NAUTICAL THEME GOING TO BE BIG THIS YEAR? - J.R.

A: For Spring 2014, the traditional navy and white has been replaced with an even crisper black and white. Look for updated silhouettes, including full skirts and lux sweatshirts! When you're not in your nautical finest, other hot looks for spring include, iridescence and soft pastels! Zara and H&M have you covered!

Q: WHAT EXACTLY IS "BUSINESS CASUAL"? ARE JEANS AND A JACKET CLASSIFIED AS THIS? - K.N.

A: Traditionally, business casual refers to dress pants and a collared shirt - no tie or jacket. That being said, most people love their jeans, and as long as they are dark, with no rips or embellishments, we'll give you a pass to wear them with a Marino wool sweater, or a crisp shirt, and a blazer. Keep your look classic with simple accessories, and a freshly polished pair of dress shoes!

Q: MY DAD IS ALWAYS WEARING SPORTS JERSEYS, EVEN TO NON-SPORT RELATED EVENTS. HIS BIRTHDAY IS COMING UP SOON AND I WANT TO MAKE A SUBTLE RECOMMENDATION THROUGH HIS BIRTHDAY GIFT OF A NICE ALTERNATIVE TO THE SPORTS JERSEY. CAN YOU MAKE ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT WILL NOT MAKE HIM VERY UNCOMFORTABLE, BUT YET A BIT DRESSIER? - F.H.

A: We all love our dads, and our dads all love to be comfortable, but sometimes they need a gentle nudge in the right fashion direction! A good compromise is a nice golf shirt. With the collar making it a bit dressier, and the knit fabric allowing for movement and comfort, everyone can agree that the sports jerseys can be put away until the game is on! HBC has a great selection of colours and styles!

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Modern twist on an ancient art

Irresistible resist-dyed offerings



Mood indigo: A shibori tablecloth, placemats, and napkins from the OriShibori collection. DAVID MALOSH/ORISHIBORI.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A shibori scarf produced by Eskayel, a design firm based in New York. The home-design purveyor is creating the look of shibori patterns using ink, water and watercolors, followed by digital printing techniques. ESKAYEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A large OriShibori leather wall hanging. DAVID MALOSH/ORISHIBORI.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3-D shapes

More than just dying — shibori is sculptural, too

A sort of “memory on cloth,” Shibori also encompasses Issey Miyake’s revolutionary pleated clothing, fulling and felting, and other methods of transforming natural fabrics into 3-D shapes.

The work of Hiroyuki Murase exemplifies both the 3-D possibilities of shibori and the bridge between traditional and new. Murase grew up in Arimatsu, Japan,



Shibori lamp shades. SUZUSAN, HIROYUKI MURASE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

where shibori has been done using traditional techniques for 400 years. Today, his array of luminaires lampshades and haute couture fabrics, designed for the likes of Christian Dior, are the cutting edge of modern shibori.

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Setting the scene: OriShibori patterns its table linens on Japan’s centuries-old fabric art of shibori. DAVID MALOSH/ORISHIBORI.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rediscovering tie-dye. Designer collections embrace the hand-crafted beauty of Japanese shibori

From tablecloths, duvet covers and iPhone cases to wallpaper and startling calf-skin wall hangings, the ancient Japanese resist-dyeing technique of shibori has gone mainstream. Vera Wang, Ralph Lauren, Eileen Fisher, Levi’s and innumerable fibre artists are breathing new life into the craft.

“The stillness and beauty of it really centres me,” said Oriana DiNella, who recently launched her own web-based shibori line, including linen tableware, pillows, throws and large leather wall hangings, all made to order and hand-dyed in organic indigo.

“It feels like a rebellion against the fashion movement, where everything seems so fast and disposable,” the New York-based designer explained.

Today’s incarnations are as different from their early Japanese predecessors as they are from the wild, tie-dyed pieces that became emblematic of the ’60s and ’70s.

There’s a sense of timelessness and calm to the modern shibori pieces, and also a renewed focus on workmanship and functionality.

“I love the bleeds, the fluidity of it. I love how the light shades of indigo can be so pale

and watery and the navies can be such a deep, deep blue,” DiNella said.

Brooklyn designer Rebecca Atwood uses modern fibre-reactive dyes for her Blauvelt Collection, which includes pillows and pouches. And home-design purveyor Eskayel is creating the look of shibori patterns using ink, water and watercolours, followed by digital printing techniques.

“We have wallpaper, rugs, fabric, pillows, baskets, iPhone cases, stationery, prints and wall hangings. Oh, and poufs,” said founder and creative director Shanan Campanero, when asked about the company’s shibori-inspired offerings.

Compared to the tie-dyes of a generation ago, she said, today’s shibori-inspired works feature patterns that are more careful, deliberate and traditional.

Vera Wang’s collection is centred on bedding, while Ralph Lauren’s features swim trunks and clothing. Levi’s has even come out with shibori-inspired jeans. But while mass-produced items lack the nuanced appeal of handcrafted works, they bring a surprising touch of texture and pizzazz to the familiar.

Despite widespread interest in shibori in the West, “we are still concerned with its survival in Japan,” explained Yoshiko Iwamoto Wada, author of *Shibori*, and *Memory on Cloth*.

“Adapting shibori to something contemporary is the key to its survival,” she said. “When the big designers come out with it and young artists take it in new directions, then more people here and in Japan start to pay attention.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Make shibori at home

For those inclined to take on do-it-yourself projects, shibori has never been more accessible. It can be done easily at home using minimal equipment.

- Urban Outfitters sells its own shibori kits, and lessons are widely available online, from basic for beginners to truly advanced. Martha Stewart Living features a project on its website using a standard pressure cooker

to make elegant shibori at home.

- Serious shibori artists and workshops across the country and internationally can be found through the Berkeley-based World Shibori Network. With a membership of dedicated artisans in Japan and around the globe, it was founded in the 1990s because of fears that the traditional craft would disappear.

Technique takes shape



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Shibori is slow. It takes time, and has been around since about the 8th century. The word comes from the Japanese shiboru, meaning “to wring, squeeze or press.”

- The technique involves twisting, tying, crumpling, stitching or folding fabric — usually silk or cotton — in various ways, transforming the two-dimensional material into a sculptural, three-dimensional form.
- This sculptural shape is then traditionally dyed, originally using indigo, although a huge variety of colours and dyes are now used.
- Sometimes, the same fabric is then twisted in some other way and then dyed again. When the wrappings are removed, the folds and creases where the fabric resisted the dye form distinctive crinkled textures and patterns.

Rich Oysters Rockefeller goes First Nations

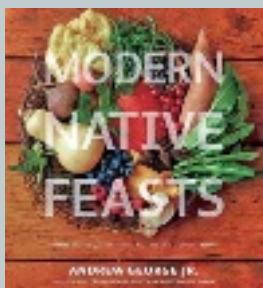
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This recipe makes 12 oysters (two to six servings, depending on how large they are and much your guests like oysters). TRACEY KUSIEWICZ OF FOODIE PHOTOGRAPHY (FOODIEPHOTOGRAPHY.COM)

Cookbook of the Week

Native eats for the 21st century



Full of healthy North American fare, *Modern Native Feasts* by Andrew George Jr. updates tradition for the 21st century. Native American cuisine comes of age in this collection that reinterprets and updates traditional Native recipes with modern, healthy twists. Andrew George Jr. was head chef for aboriginal foods at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. **METRO**

1. Preheat broiler to high.

2. In frying pan, melt butter and sauté celery, onions, garlic, parsley, greens, and dash of Pernod. Stir constantly for about 3 minutes. Remove from heat.

3. In a blender, combine greens mixture with bread and process for about 30 seconds. Using an oyster knife, twist open shells and remove oysters. In a large bowl, toss oysters with 1 tbsp Pernod. Drain oysters and reserve liquid. Remove any shell fragments. Discard top shells, clean and dry bottom shells.

4. Line a baking tray with rock salt and place oyster shells on top. Place 1 oyster into each shell and spoon reserved liquid onto each. Spoon crumb mixture on top, completely covering each oyster. Broil for 1-2 minutes, until topping bubbles. Arrange oysters on a serving dish and garnish with sprigs of parsley and lemon wedges. Season oysters to taste with salt and/or Tabasco sauce.

RECIPE EXCERPTED FROM *MODERN NATIVE FEASTS: HEALTHY, INNOVATIVE, SUS-*

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) unsalted butter
- 1 celery stalk, finely sliced
- 2 green onions, finely sliced
- 1 garlic clove, finely minced
- 1 tbsp finely chopped parsley
- 1 cup (250 ml) finely chopped stinging nettles, dandelion greens, or sorrel leaves
- dash Pernod, or other anise-flavoured liqueur
- 2 slices fresh white bread, crusts removed, torn into pieces
- 12 fresh oysters in shell
- 1 tbsp Pernod
- rock salt, for serving
- 12 lemon wedges, to garnish
- 12 parsley sprigs, to garnish
- salt, to taste
- Tabasco sauce, to taste

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Seahawks party with 12th Man

Hundreds of thousands of notoriously loud Seahawks fans cranked up the noise and went berserk during a parade to celebrate the franchise's first Super Bowl victory.

The mood in downtown Seattle was electrifying, as the parade featuring the Super Bowl champions got underway Wednesday near the Space Needle.

Revellers packed the three-kilometre route. They wore blue and green wigs, waved flags, scarves and signs, and erupted into spontaneous song and dance.

Police estimated about 700,000 people attended the event — that's more than the city's population — in perhaps the largest gathering in Seattle history.

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Curling

Ontario's Flaxey upsets Alberta

Ontario's Allison Flaxey defeated Alberta's Val Sweeting 7-5 in a major upset Wednesday at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Flaxey (2-5) held off a charge that saw Alberta (6-3) score two in the ninth end. She took out Sweeting's stone on the button in the 10th to prevent a steal and secure the victory.

Ontario is all but eliminated from playoff contention, but can still play the role of giant-killer with four round-robin games remaining.

"It's all we have left so you've got to love doing it," said Flaxey.

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CFL

Chamblin named coach of the year

Corey Chamblin is the CFL's coach of the year.

Chamblin received the Annis Stukus Trophy at the league's annual coach of the year luncheon.

Kent Austin of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and John Hufnagel of the Calgary Stampeders were the award finalists.

Chamblin, 36, capped his second season with Saskatchewan in style, leading the Roughriders to a Grey Cup championship on home soil.

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Coming to grips with a pair of talons

The Ottawa SkyHawks' Ryan Anderson loses control of the basketball against the Saint John Mill Rats during first-quarter NBL Canada action at the Canadian Tire Centre on Wednesday. For the story, go to metronews.ca. MIKE CARROCCETTO/FOR METRO

Stamkos has Sochi dream shattered

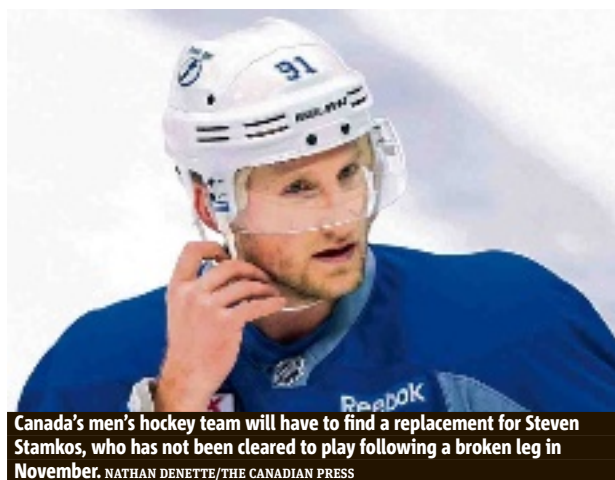
Hockey. Sniper not cleared by Lightning doctors to play in Winter Olympics

Steven Stamkos will not play for Team Canada at the Sochi Olympics after tests revealed Wednesday that his broken right leg is not completely healed.

Tampa Bay Lightning doctors said they couldn't clear him to play after examining his most recent CT scan and will re-evaluate his condition again in two to three weeks.

It's a big blow for the 23-year-old, who had been optimistic earlier this week that he might be able to play by as soon as Saturday.

"Today is obviously very disappointing for me," Stamkos said in a release. "I honestly believe that we did every-



Canada's men's hockey team will have to find a replacement for Steven Stamkos, who has not been cleared to play following a broken leg in November. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

thing possible in order to have my injured leg ready in time for the Olympics, but I realize you can't force healing. I know, in the best interest of my long-term health, I cannot represent Canada in Sochi, as much as I would like to."

Lightning general manager Steve Yzerman, who is also Team Canada's executive director, said Stamkos "should not be participating in game action at any time in the near future."

"Although the doctor was

very pleased to this point with the healing process, he explained that the callus surrounding the fracture site is not 100 per cent consolidated, and Steven will not be cleared to play in a game until that happens," said Yzerman. "It was a pretty clear-cut decision, no grey areas at all."

Hockey Canada did not immediately announce a replacement for Stamkos, though Claude Giroux, Lightning teammate Marty St. Louis and James Neal figured to be the leading candidates.

NHL players are set to leave Sunday and arrive in Sochi on Monday. Canada's first game is Feb. 13.

Stamkos suffered the injury Nov. 11 and hasn't played since. He underwent surgery to have a titanium rod inserted into the tibia.

Stamkos has missed 39 regular-season games.

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Greater in Year 8?



Kaillie Humphries and Heather Moyse practise a run at the Sanki Sliding Centre on Wednesday in Sochi, Russia. ALEX LIVESKY/GETTY IMAGES

Bobsled. She's dominated the circuit since winning gold in 2010, and Calgarian says she might have another gear for Sochi

Kaillie Humphries won Olympic bobsled gold four years ago and has finished first at the last two world championships.

In what should give her rivals cause for concern in Sochi, she is just now hitting her peak.

"They say it takes eight to 10 years to build a really good bobsleigh pilot," Humphries said. "I'm at year eight right now."

The timing seems to be lining up perfectly for the 28-year-old. She has won three World Cup titles this season and is in her usual perch on top of the overall standings.

She reunited with brake-woman Heather Moyse of Summerside, P.E.I., and they opened the campaign with an impressive win in Calgary.

Triumphant underdogs four years ago in Vancouver, now they're the team to beat.

Zen in a bullet



"You have to be able to feel, you have to be able to see. So on the track walk I'm able to see things slowed down. I'm able to look at things exactly as they are."

Kaillie Humphries, on racing down a bobsled run at 130 km/h.

"She's got great expectations," Canadian coach Tom De La Hunty said of Humphries. "She's won the last two world championships. So at the top level, she knows how to deal with the pressure and the pressure is going to be great this time I'll tell you."

Humphries has emerged as one of the faces of the Canadian team in the lead-up to Sochi. It's a position she seems to enjoy.

The Canadian bobsled team attended a half-hour introductory news conference Wednesday at the Gorki Media Centre in Sochi. Humphries stayed for an extra 20 minutes, holding court with reporters in her friendly and engaging manner.

The spotlight shines brightest every four years and Humphries is ready.

"Mentally I'm stronger," she said. "Physically I feel like I'm in a great position right now. Overall it takes a whole package. It's about balance, it's not just one aspect. I'm definitely a lot more well-rounded. I still get tested, I still have my moments when I fail those tests."

"I still am learning a lot in the position that I'm in."

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Canadian flag-raising

'Sense of majesty' at welcome party

As the sun set over Russia's Black Sea, it shined on the Canadian flag just as it was hitting the top of the flagpole with the national anthem playing in the background.

It marked an unofficial start at the Sochi Olympics for Canada. It didn't take long for chef de mission Steve Podborski to stop thinking about red and white and start dreaming about gold.

"When the Canadian flag went up, the sun is glaring on it, it blows out and you can see the Maple Leaf and

I'm thinking, 'I'm sure we're going to hear more of that,'" he said. "It was really, really great."

Before the flag went up, about a hundred Canadian athletes marched into the city's international plaza. They watched the Choir of Siberia sing and dance and a Russian honour guard march beside the stage.

It was an expression of Russian culture two days before the official opening ceremony in Sochi.

"The Russians really bring a sense of majesty and something big to a ceremony like this," Podborski said. "It was really charming."

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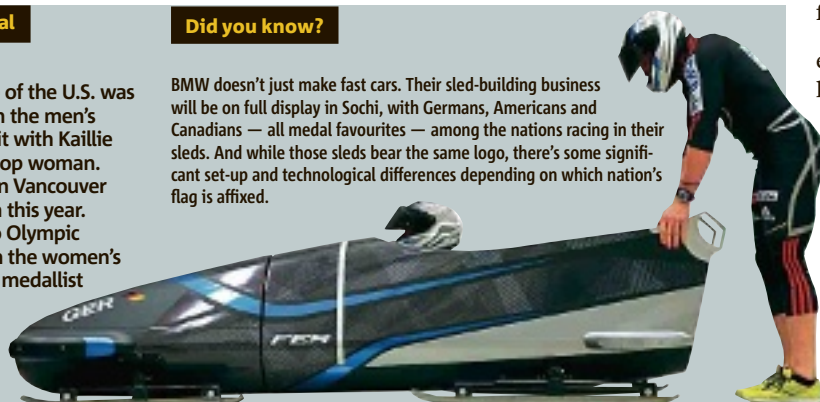
Team Canada is welcomed by the official flag-raising ceremony on Wednesday in Sochi. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Repeat potential

Steven Holcomb of the U.S. was the top driver on the men's World Cup circuit with Kaillie Humphries the top woman. Both won gold in Vancouver and might again this year. The U.S. has two Olympic track athletes on the women's team, with gold medalist Lauryn Williams and Lolo Jones qualifying as push athletes.

Did you know?

BMW doesn't just make fast cars. Their sled-building business will be on full display in Sochi, with Germans, Americans and Canadians — all medal favourites — among the nations racing in their sleds. And while those sleds bear the same logo, there's some significant set-up and technological differences depending on which nation's flag is affixed.



White's decision whack, Canadians say

The Sochi Olympics haven't even started, but the normally courteous Canadians are already leading the table in trash talk.

Canadian snowboarders Sebastien Toutant and Max Parrot both took to Twitter to criticize American star Shaun White's decision to pull out of the slopestyle event to focus on halfpipe, where he is the two-time defending Olympic champion.

"Mr. White... It's easy to find excuses to pull out of a contest when you think you can't win...." Toutant posted Wednesday after White announced his decision to sit out slopestyle cit-

Cocky Canuck

"Mr. White... It's easy to find excuses to pull out of a competition when you think you can't win."

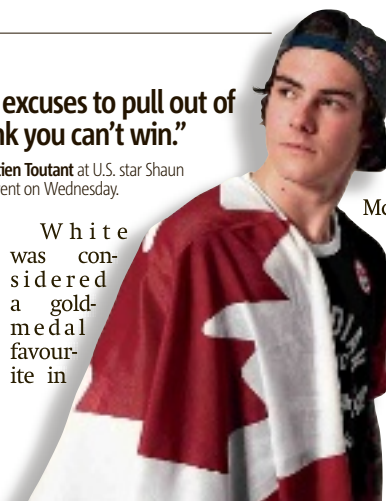
A Twitter jab from Canadian snowboarder Sebastien Toutant at U.S. star Shaun White, who pulled out of the Olympic slopestyle event on Wednesday.

ing potential injury concerns.

Parrot tweeted: "Shaun knows he won't be able to win the slopes, that's why he pulled out. He's scared!"

Both tweets were later deleted and Parrot posted an apology, saying he was sorry if he offended anyone and that he meant it's "not as fun to compete at the Olympics when the (top riders) aren't there."

White was considered a gold-medal favourite in



slopestyle, along with Parrot, the defending X-Games champion, and Canadian star Mark McMorris.

There has been plenty of hype about the McMorris-White rivalry leading into the Sochi Games.

Prior to the 2013 X Games, McMorris called out White, saying "he doesn't dominate slopestyle at all."

White jammed his wrist on one jump while training on the Sochi slopestyle course, which he deemed to be dangerous. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Olympic relay. Flame reaches final destination

The Olympic flame reached Sochi Wednesday, following a 65,000-kilometre route, the longest in the history of the Games.

The relay generated genuine public enthusiasm, featuring famous cultural figures, athletes and other

celebrities, and drawing big crowds across Russia.

But it also has seen some spectacular gaffes, with the flame flickering out on dozens of occasions and, in some cases, even engulfing the bearers.

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Record-setting journey

The relay started in Moscow on Oct. 7 and stopped at more than 130 cities and towns across Russia. Along the way, the torch travelled to:

- **The North Pole.** Aboard a nuclear-powered icebreaker, the ceremony involved torch bearers from eight Arctic nations.

- **Outer space.** On Nov. 7, a rocket carried the torch to the International Space Station. Cosmonauts Oleg Kotov and Sergei Ryazanskiy then took the torch on an unprecedented spacewalk Nov. 9. For safety

reasons, the torch didn't burn aboard the ISS.

- **Europe and Russia's highest mountain.** Russian mountaineers lit the torch atop Mount Elbrus — at 18,510 feet — the highest mountain in Russia and Europe.

- **The world's deepest lake.** In November, divers plunged into Lake Baikal, the world's biggest and deepest

freshwater lake, with special torches burning underwater.





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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Something will happen today that takes you by surprise but if you stand back and look at it in an objective light, you will see it had to occur. Chances are a few weeks from now, you will be glad it happened.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Do you go out and have fun or do you stay in and get work done? If you are smart — you will sacrifice short-term enjoyment for long-term peace of mind.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You have thought about what you are planning and all you need to do now is get on with it. Don't worry that certain people may not approve. Most likely they're jealous.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

As Mercury turns retrograde today don't take anything for granted. But the world should not take you for granted either. Do something out of character, something no one would ever expect of you.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Unexpected events will disrupt your routine today and you won't be happy about it. But as there is nothing you can do to change things there's not much point getting uptight about it, is there? Stay calm and carry on.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If a colleague makes an error and causes you problems today, don't make a big deal of it. Everyone makes mistakes so do what you can do make them feel better.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

There will be disorder today, most likely at work. Colleagues may discover that they are not up to keeping the promises they made. You could see it coming, so you won't be fazed.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may have to be abrupt with certain people today, simply because they are too slow to work things out for themselves. Don't bruise egos for fun but make sure what needs to get done does.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

With mind planet Mercury beginning one of its retrograde phases there is simply no point rushing to get things done. In the greater scheme of things, they're really not that important.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Be careful when dealing with those whose outlook on life is different to yours. If you adopt the attitude that you're always right and they're always wrong, conflict is inevitable.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You try to be honest in your dealings but you just can't get through to people. This is likely to be a theme of the next few weeks while Mercury moves retrograde, so get used to it.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

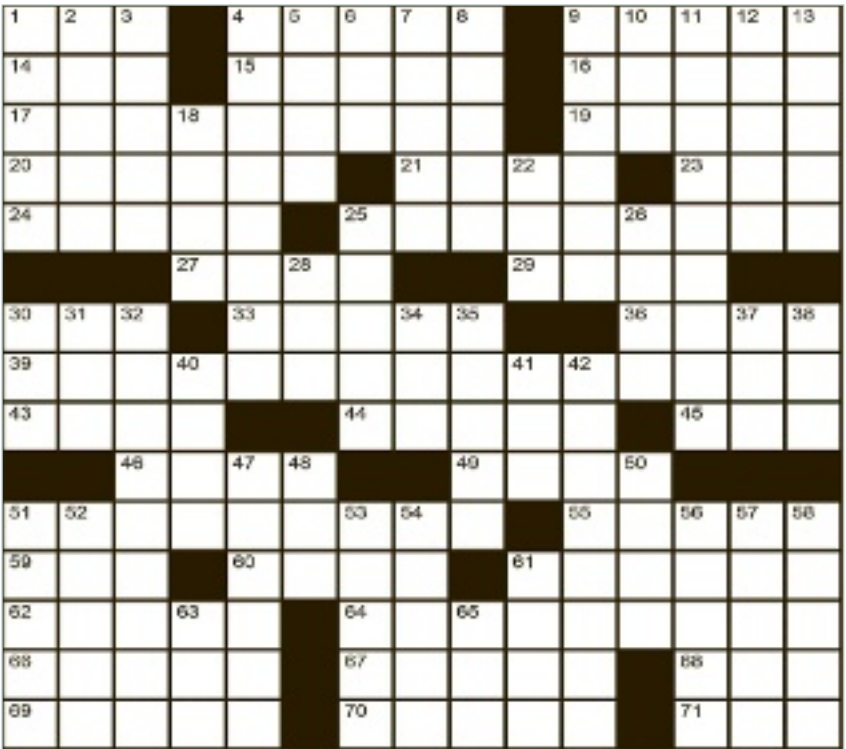
You're hardly a decisive person and with Mercury, planet of communication and the mind, turning retrograde in your sign today you will change your mind yet again. Others won't like it but you are who you are.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Not near
4. Played over
9. "Batman" star Adam, and surname-sakes
14. Tenn. neighbour
15. Southwestern Ontario gorge village
16. Sir Newton
17. Wayne and Shuster: 2 wds.
19. Steamy spot
20. Geena's 1991 title role
21. Captain Hook's sidekick
23. Wine aperitif
24. Coffee brand
25. Helmet part: 2 wds.
27. Simon Cowell's production company
29. Athena's walkway
30. "___ sure be nice if..."
33. Some sound
36. Feminine suffix
39. PEI is geographically unique because it what?: 3 wds.
43. Uni
44. Also, in Montreal
45. Kit
46. "Wow."
49. Ages
51. Certain classical composer
55. Ms. Knightley
59. Marion ___ (Pioneering female aviator of Canada, b.1918



- d.1995)
60. Use red pen
61. Did a sports team transaction
62. ___-toothed tiger
64. Canadian actor who plays Captain Renard on "Grimm": 2 wds.
66. Carpeting 'spot'
67. "We Can Work ___

- ___" by The Beatles
68. Navigator's dir.
69. Goes up-and-down in weight
70. Crowned heads in Russia, once
71. Brit's thank yous

Down

1. Actualities
2. Hawaiian hi

3. Noodle dish
4. Eddie ___, Marius in "Les Misérables" (2012)
5. "Air Force One" (1997) actor Mr. Baskin
6. Towels holder
7. In ___ (Hurried)
8. Ms. Watts
9. Most sage

10. Conductor, ___Pekka Salonen
11. Bigg Soxx: Canadian rapper on new song "Heroes" feat. Choclaire, prod. by C4ENT.
12. Actress Ms. Raymond
13. Cliff type
18. Deer sorts

22. Ells and Ems followers
25. ___ phrase
26. Steel-___ boots
28. Lettuce variety
30. Doctrine
31. Even if, briefly
32. Splashy '80s Canadian series: 2 wds.
34. Old French coin
35. Actor, Buddy ___
37. Three, in Turin
38. Ballpark fig.
40. Tooth part
41. Bear, in Barcelona
42. Hockey arena regulars, colloquially: 2 wds.
47. Martin and Charlie
48. Brick carrier
50. Char, in cooking
51. Domineering
52. Lyre-playing Muse
53. Sojourn
54. Mona Lisa's room at the Louvre in Paris, Salle des ___
56. Boomtown Rats' "___ Like Mondays"
57. Queen: Spanish
58. Tools for woodworkers
61. Wee weekday
63. "Blame It on ___" (1984)
65. "___ guy walks into..."

Yesterday's Crossword

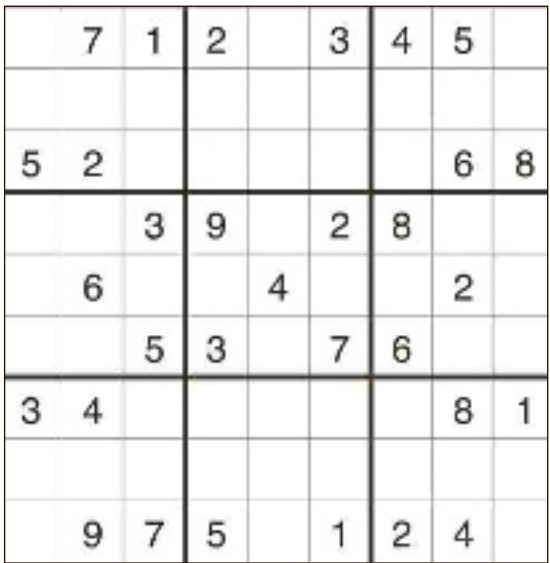


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Today



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Friday



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